At the Court at *WHITEHALL*,
January 2. 167½

PRESENT,

The Kings Moſt Excellent Majeſty.

His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York.
His Highneſs Prince Rupert.
Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury.
Duke of Buckingham.
Duke of Ormond.
Earl of Oſſery.
Lord Chamberlain.
Earl of Bridgewater.
Earl of Sandvvich.
Earl of Angleſey.
Earl of Carliſle.
Earl of Craven.
Earl of Lauderdale.
Lord Nevvport.
Lord Aſhley.
Mr. Treaſurer.
Mr. Vice-Chamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Trevor.
Maſter of the Ordnance.
Mr. Mountague.

His Majeſty, having this day Ordered the Lords, and others of His Privy Council to attend him in Council, is pleaſed to declare, That ſeeing all the Princes, and States, His Neighbours, were making great preparations for Warr, both by Sea and Land, His Majeſty, for the ſafety of his Government

vernment and People, lookt upon Himſelf as obliged to make ſuch Preparations as might be proportionable for the Protection both of the one and the other; And to that end he has already given Orders for the fitting and preparing a very conſiderable Fleet, to be ready againſt the Spring.

By this inevitable neceſſity, His Majeſty conſidering the great Charges that muſt attend ſuch Preparations, and after His ſerious debates and beſt conſiderations, not finding any poſsibility to defray ſuch unuſual Expences by the uſual wayes and means of borrowing Moneys, by reaſon His Revenues were ſo anticipated and engaged, He was neceſsitated (contrary to His own inclinations) upon theſe emergencies, and for the Publick Safety, at the preſent, to cauſe a Stop to be made of the payment of any Moneys, now being, or to be brought into His Exchequer, for the ſpace of one whole Year, ending the laſt day of *December* next, unto any perſon or perſons whatſoever, by vertue of any Warrant, Securities, or Orders, whether Regiſtred or not Regiſtred therein, and payable within that time; Excepting onely ſuch payments as ſhall grow due upon Orders on the Subſidy, according to the Act of Parliament, and Orders and Securities upon the Fee-Farm Rents, both which are to be proceeded upon as if this Stop had never been made.

And that His Majeſties Pleaſure and Declaration may be ſpeedily and effectually put in Execution, His Majeſty doth Order, and doth hereby require and command Sir *Heneage Finch* Knight and Baronet, His Attorney General, forthwith to prepare a Bill for His Royal Signature, and ſo to paſs the

the Great Seal, thereby requiring and commanding the Lords Commiſſioners of His Treaſury, immediately to order and direct all and every the Officers of His Majeſties Exchequer, to *Poſt-pone* all Warrants and Orders, whether Regiſtred or not Regiſtred, and other Securities and Payments whatſoever, (except as before excepted) until the laſt day of *December* next.

And in the mean time, the Lords Commiſsioners of His Treaſury to be Required and Authorized, to cauſe payment to be made of the Intereſt that is or ſhall grow due, at the rate of Six pounds *per Cent.* unto every perſon that ſhall have Money due to him or them upon ſuch Warrants, Orders, or Securities, ſo *Poſt-pon'd* and deferr'd; and that the payment of ſuch Intereſt may be juſtly made, the Lords Commiſsioners of His Treaſury are to be Authorized and Required, to cauſe the Debt of every particular perſon, and the ſaid Intereſt thereof, to be truly ſtated.

And the Lords of His Majeſties Treaſury are farther to be Ordered and Required, to employ and diſpoſe of all the ſaid Moneys, ſo ſtopp'd and detained, for the preparing, ſetting forth, and payment of His Majeſties Fleet, and other Publick Services, in order to the preſervation and ſafety of His Majeſties Government, and defence of His People, as His Majeſty ſhall from time to time Order and Direct.

And His Majeſty, as far as in him lies, to take away all apprehenſions or terrour, that might poſſeſs any of His Subjects ſpirits, doth declare, That no perſon whatſoever ſhall be defrauded of any thing that is juſtly due to him, nor ſhall this reſtraint, which His Majeſty has been compelled

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(not being able for the preſent to find any other expedient) to lay upon ſuch Monies, as are or ſhall be paid into His Exchequer, continue longer then the aforeſaid laſt day of *December* : and that then no new Warrants, Orders or Securities ſhall intervene, to break the courſe of ſuch Payments.

And His Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed farther to declare, That nothing could have urged His Majeſty to an Act of this Nature, but ſuch a conjuncture of Affairs, when all the Neighbouring Princes and States were making ſuch Threatning preparations, that His government could not be ſafe without appearing in the ſame poſture.

EDW: WALKER.

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